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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 8, please replace paragraph 0036 as follows:

[0036] As illustrated in Figures 3A-3E, the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 is substantially parallel to the main housing floor of the RV 100. The additional floor 128 comprises first and second ends ~~139A, 139B~~ 138a, 138b including a second lip section 152 attached to the first end ~~139A~~ 138a that couples with a complementary lip section 154 of the main housing floor 112. When the slide-out housing 120 is deployed, the second lip section 152 couples to the complementary lip section 154 so that the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 is substantially aligned in substantially the same plane with the main housing floor 112. When aligned, the coupling of the floors 112, 128 forms a substantially uniform planar flooring surface 156 between the main housing 106 and the slide-out housing 120.

On page 8, please replace paragraph 0037 as follows:

[0037] In addition, the outer sidewall 126a comprises an upper section 142a that attaches to the second end 140b of the additional roof 130 and a lower section 142b that attaches to the second end ~~[[142b]]~~ 138b of the additional floor 128 in a substantially perpendicular manner. It should be appreciated that the second end 140b of the additional roof 130 may be attached to the upper section 142a of the outer sidewall 126a at an angular offset such that the first end 140a of the additional roof 130 may be at a height that is at least larger than the height of the second end 140b of the additional roof 130 with respect to the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120. The outer sidewall 126a further comprises flanged edges 160 positioned adjacent to the outer perimeter of the outer sidewall 126a that abuts the first planar sidewall 116c of the main housing 106 when the slide-out housing 120 is retracted. In one embodiment, the flanged edges 160 of the outer sidewall 126a function as sealing components to prevent the external environment from affecting the climate within the interior living spaces 110, 132.

On page 9, please replace paragraph 0038 as follows:

[0038] The main housing 106 further comprises a cam assembly 170 having one or more cam members 172 attached to the vehicle frame 108 or a sub-floor component 124 of the main housing floor 112 via one or more mounting brackets 174 and one or more first fastening pins

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176, respectively. In one embodiment, the cam member 172 comprises an oval contoured structure having an elongate dimension with partially tipped surfaces ~~179A~~ 178a and a narrow dimension with partially flattened surfaces ~~179B~~ 178b including a curved surface ~~179C~~ 178c defined there between. The difference between the length of the elongate dimension and the length of the narrow dimension is, in this embodiment, at least the thickness of the main housing floor 112 so that, during rotation of the cam member 172, the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 can be lifted above the main housing floor 112. In addition, the cam assembly 170 also comprises an actuating mechanism (shown in Figures 5A, 5B) that induces rotation of the cam member 172 about a horizontal axis defined by the first fastening pin 176 when the slide-out housing 120 is lifted and lowered during retraction and deployment. As will be described in greater detail herein below, the actuating mechanism may comprise various types of electrical, mechanical, pneumatic, or hydraulic devices without departing from the scope of the present invention. Also, the cam member 172 may comprise a rigid metal composition that can withstand heavy weight stresses without deforming. It should be appreciated that the cam member 172 may comprise various other material compositions without departing from the scope of the present invention.

On page 10, please replace paragraphs 0040 and 0041 as follows:

[0040] The main housing 106 still further comprises a telescoping member 180 having a device housing 182 that is attached to the vehicle frame 108 and an armature 184 that distally extends from the device housing 182 at a first end ~~189A~~ 188a of the armature 184 so as to deploy the slide-out housing 120 from the main housing 106 via the opening 118 in the first planar sidewall 116c. The armature 184 also extends towards the first end ~~189A~~ 188a within the device housing 182 so as to retract the slide-out housing 120 into the main housing 106 via the opening 118 in the first planar sidewall 116c. It should be appreciated that the device housing 182 may also be attached to the main housing floor 112 or to the sub-floor component 124 of the main housing floor 112 in a generally known manner without departing from the scope of the present invention.

[0041] Additionally, the armature 184 further comprises a second end ~~[[189B]]~~ 188b that is attached to the second end ~~139B~~ 138b of the additional flooring 128 via a second fastening

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pin 190 and a slotted member 192. The slotted member 192 comprises an opening that defines an enclosed slotted section 194. In one embodiment, the second end ~~[[189B]]~~ 188b of the armature 184 couples to the slotted section 194 of the slotted member 192 via the second fastening pin 190 so that the slide-out housing 120 including the additional floor 128 can freely move in a vertical direction 198 without altering the positional orientation of the telescoping member 180 including the armature 184 and the device housing 182. In addition, as will be described in greater detail herein below, the slide-out housing 120 can be lifted and lowered during retraction and deployment by the cam assembly 170, wherein the armature 184 maintains, in one embodiment, a substantially parallel position with respect to the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120.

On pages 11-12, please replace paragraph 0045 as follows:

[0045] Figure 3A illustrates the slide-out housing 120 in the deployed configuration as also illustrated in Figure 2. The slide-out housing 120 is positioned in a lowered orientation such that the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 is substantially aligned with the main housing floor 112 of the RV 100 and the cam member 172 of the cam assembly 170 is positioned substantially parallel to the floors 112, 128 of the RV 100 and the slide-out housing 120. As illustrated in Figure 3A, the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 physically contacts and rests on the partially flattened surface ~~179B~~ 178b of the cam member 172. Also, the first lip section 150 of the additional roof 130 abuts the first planar sidewall 116c of the main housing 106 so as to form a first contact seal 204 therebetween.

On page 12, please replace paragraph 0047 as follows:

[0047] Figure 3B illustrates the slide-out housing 120 being partially lifted by the cam member 172 of the cam assembly 170, wherein the cam member 172 is partially turned in a first direction 220. In one embodiment, as the cam member 172 rotates in the first direction 220, the cam member 172 maintains physical contact with the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 via the curved surface ~~179C~~ 178c of the cam member 172, which causes the slide-out housing 120 to be upwardly shifted or lifted so that the additional floor 128 begins to rise at a positional offset above the main housing floor 112. During rotation of the cam member 172 in

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the first direction 220, the curved surface ~~179C~~ 178c of the cam member 172 maintains physical contact with the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120.

On pages 12-13, please replace paragraph 0048 and 0049 as follows:

[0048] Figure 3C illustrates the position of the slide-out housing 120 in a lifted orientation such that the cam member 172 is turned approximately 90° or a quarter-turn in the first direction 220 until the cam member 172 is positioned substantially perpendicular to the floors 112, 128 of the RV 100 and the slide-out housing 120. Once the slide-out housing 120 is positioned in the lifted orientation, the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 physically contacts and rests on the partially tipped surface ~~179A~~ 178a of the cam member 172. As illustrated, once the slide-out housing 120 is lifted by the cam member 172 of the cam assembly 170, the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 is distally offset from the main housing floor 112 of the RV 100 by an amount at least as much as the thickness of the main housing floor 112. Advantageously, offsetting the floors 112, 128 allows the slide-out housing 120 to readily retract within the opening 118 of the main housing 106.

[0049] Figure 3D illustrates the slide-out housing 120 in a partially retracted position. During retraction, the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 slides along the partially tipped surface ~~179A~~ 178a of the cam member 172 while the telescoping member 180 retracts the slide-out housing 120, in a manner as previously described, within the opening 118 formed in the first planar sidewall 116c of the main housing 106. In one embodiment, the additional floor 128 of the slide-out housing 120 also slides along and is supported by the main housing floor 112 during retraction. As illustrated, the cam member 172 of the cam assembly 170 maintains a substantially perpendicular positional orientation during retraction of the slide-out housing within the main housing 106.

On page 14, please replace paragraph 0052 as follows:

[0052] Figure 4A illustrates the cam assembly 170 and the telescoping member 180 in the deployed configuration as described in Figures 2, 3A. Figure 4B illustrates the cam assembly 170 and the telescoping member 180 in the retracted configuration as described in Figures 1, 3E. In one embodiment, the cam assembly ~~[[180]]~~ 170 may comprise one or more cam members 172,

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mounting brackets 174, and first fastening pins 176 positioned adjacent to or between one or more telescoping members 180. In addition, the one or more cam members 172 of the cam assembly 170 may comprise a first length 230 that is at least less than the width of the slide-out housing 120 and/or the width of the opening 118 formed in the first planar sidewall 116c of the main housing 106.

On page 18, please replace paragraph 0063 as follows:

[0062] Also, each of the first auxiliary members 322 are rotatably attached from end to end to second auxiliary members 324 via second bolt members 362 so as to define second armature joints 358. Moreover, each of the second auxiliary members 360 are ~~rotatably~~ attached end to end to the first fastening pin 176 so that, when the second auxiliary armatures 360 rotate, the first fastening pin also rotates. As previously described, the first fastening pin 176 is rotatably attached to the mounting brackets 174a, 174b.

On page 26, please replace paragraph 0087 as follows:

[0087] As illustrated in Figure 9C, the slide-out housing 120 can be retracted within the main housing 106 such that a second ledge 542 of the additional floor 128 communicates with the first ledge 522. In one embodiment, this forms an interlocking region 548 of the movable floor section 502 and the additional floor 128 when the slide-out housing 120 is retracted. As further illustrated in Figure 9C, the additional floor 128 also rests on the inclined surface [[5378]] 538 of the movable floor 502 and supports at least a portion of the weight of the slide-out housing 120 during travel. Therefore, the interlocking region 548 in conjunction with the resting contact between the additional floor 128 and the movable floor section 502 readily secures the slide-out housing 120 to the main housing 106.

On page 27, please replace paragraph 0092 as follows:

[0092] It should further be appreciated that the actuating mechanism 550 may utilize various types of electrical, mechanical, pneumatic, or hydraulic devices without departing from the scope of the present invention. For example, in one aspect, the actuating mechanism 550 may include one or more solenoid components, wherein the solenoid controlled piston [[5542]] 554 is

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adapted to induce movement of the hinged floor section 502 between the first and second positions 528a, 528b. In another aspect, the actuating mechanism 550 may include one or more hydraulic components, wherein the hydraulic controlled piston 554 is adapted to induce movement of the hinged floor section 502 between the first and second positions 528a, 528b. In still another aspect, the actuating mechanism 550 may include one or more pneumatic components, wherein the pneumatic controlled piston 554 is adapted to induce movement of the hinged floor section 502 between the first and second positions 528a, 528b.